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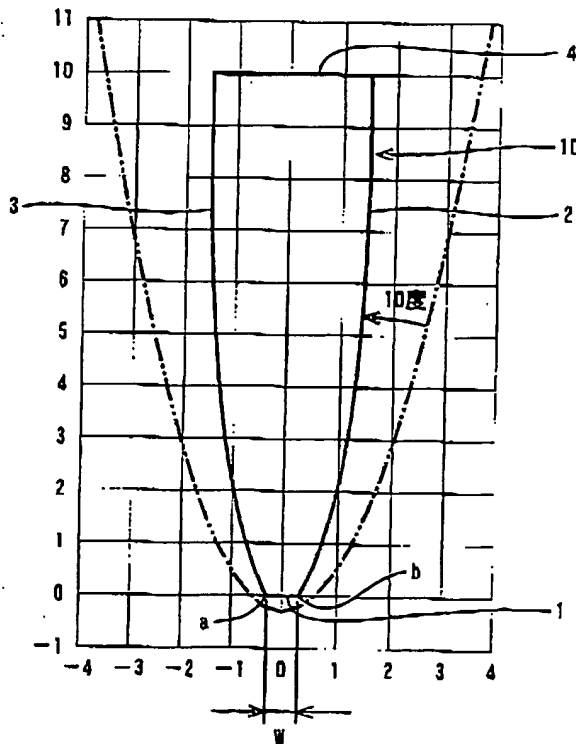
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(57) Abstract [PROBLEMS] A document surface is illuminated efficiently by utilizing the characteristics of a compound paraboloid condenser (CPC) reversely to convert scattering light from some limited area over the entire angle into radiation light limited to a specified exit angle thereby minimizing spread of light. [MEANS FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS] In a light guide (10) arranged such that a light entering from the end face exits from an exit face (4) provided along the longitudinal direction while reflecting off the inner surface, a cross-sectional shape orthogonal to the longitudinal direction has two parabolas (2, 3) facing each other, a segment (bottom face) (1) connecting the focal points (a, b) of two parabolas (2, 3), and a segment corresponding to the exit face (4). A scattering pattern of white ink is formed on the segment (bottom face) (1) connecting the focal points (a, b).

(57) 要約: 【課題】 複合放物面集光器 (CPC) の特性を逆に利用し、ある限られたエリアからの全角に及ぶ散乱光を、所定の出射角に限定された放射光に変換し、光の広がりを最低限に抑えることで、原稿面を効率良く照らす。【解決手段】 端面から入射した光を内面で反射させながら長さ方向に沿って設けた出射面4から出射せしめるようにした導光体10において、長さ方向に直交する方向の断面形状は、対向する2つの放物線2、3と、2つの放物線2、3の焦点a、bを結ぶ線分(底面)1と、出射面4に相当する線分とを有する。焦点a、bを結ぶ線分(底面)1に、白色インクからなる散乱パターンを形成する。

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